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Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2004

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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. By the Amendment, the Abstract, Specification, and claims 1-5 are amended for clarification purposes only. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the Specification, including the original claims, and the drawings.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action, at page 3, that claims 1-5 contain allowable subject matter. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, at page 2, objects to the Specification for minor informalities. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and submits that grounds for the objection are obviated by the amendments to the Specification, where appropriate, as reflected in the substitute Specification filed herewith. Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, also at page 2, objects to claims 1-5 for minor informalities. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and submits that grounds for the objection are obviated by the above amendments to the claims. Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

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The Office Action, also at page 2, rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that grounds for the rejection are obviated by the above amendments to the claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Garth D. Richmond**, at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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